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RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE NAMED. . . . Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson today announced appointment of an 11-man National Advisory Committee provided for in the recently enacted Research and Marketing Act of 1946 (Public Law 733).

The members of the Committee are: H. E. Babcock, Ithaca, N.Y.; Fred Bailey, Washington, D. C.; Robert Coker, Hartsville, S. C.; John H. Davis, Washington, D. C.; Chas. F. Kettering, Dayton, Ohio; C. W. Kitchen, Washington, D. C.; Albert Mitchell, Bell Ranch, New Mexico; James G. Patton, Denver, Colo.; Walter L. Randolph, Fayette, Ala.; H. J. Reed, West Lafayette, Ind.; Kerr Scott, Raleigh N. C.

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HOME CANNING RESEARCH CONFERENCE. . . . Results of intensive research studies in home canning conducted by the Bureau of Human Nutrition and Home Economics during the past three years will be reported to Extension leaders in food preservation programs at a home canning research conference tentatively scheduled to meet in Kansas City, December 5 to 7.

Dr. Esther Batchelder, head, Foods and Nutrition Division of HNHE will outline the over-all research program in home canning on the first day of the conference. Following this, Bureau staff members actively engaged in research will present the background information which forms the basis for the new canning processes which they are recommending in forthcoming new technical literature.

The conference is hailed by the Extension Service as offering an unusual opportunity for State home economics staffs to introduce new home food processing methods coming out of important wartime research by HNHE.

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MANDATORY MEAT GRADING DISCONTINUED. . . . Marketing housewives are missing the familiar purple Federal grade stamp from much of the meat they buy over the counter these days. That's because compulsory grading of meat was terminated with the end of price ceilings on October 15. Federal grading service is still available to packers and slaughterers on a voluntary basis, however.

During the war, between 90 and 95 percent of all meat sold in the United States was Federally graded. It was stamped Choice, Good, Commercial, or Utility as judged by an impartial grader.

Extent to which Federal grading will be continued now depends largely on consumer demand for meat with the Federal stamp.

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LOOKING AHEAD. . . . The Office of Information has for October 31 p.m. released a complete statement on the beginning of operations of the new synthetic liquid fuel plant at the Northern Regional Research Laboratory at Peoria, Ill. This will be of great interest to all Federal and State agricultural workers.

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM. . . . Important points brought out by conferees attending the School Lunch Conference in Washington, October 22, 23, were: Gardening and home food preservation programs are of great value to the School Lunch program and should be expanded; that more visual aids should be brought out to assist the States; that a trained nutritionist should be available to help in each State (here there was divided opinion as to whether she should be on the PMA or State payroll); and that regional meetings of State and PMA people should be held often to settle mutual problems.

Attending the conference (the first meeting since the passage of the new School Lunch Act) were State education and other sponsoring agency people. The first day of the conference was devoted to messages from President Truman and Secretary Anderson, to talks by Federal and State officials, and to the evening banquet.

Unless more funds are forthcoming within the next few months, many States will have to curtail their school lunch programs or close them down before the end of the year, according to the consensus of those attending the conference. Last year's 50 million dollar Federal appropriation, plus a  $7\frac{1}{2}$  million deficit appropriation went further than this year's 75 million will, because of higher food and labor costs and because more schools have come into the program, raising the number of children benefiting by 1,300,000 over the 6,700,000 figure for 1945-46. Also \$10,000,000 of this year's funds are earmarked for the purchase of equipment, leaving only \$65,000,000 available for the purchase of food.

For a close-up on the national school lunch conference and for official thinking on the importance of the school lunch program, information workers will find good background material in talks delivered at the meeting. Among those which will be available from the USDA Office of Information are: Food -- the Foundation of our Future, summary of remarks by N. E. Dodd, Under Secretary of Agriculture; Developing the National School Lunch Program, a talk by Robert H. Shields, PMA Administrator; The Effect of the School Lunch Program on Food Habits of Health, a talk by Surgeon General Thomas Parran of the U. S. Public Health Service, and School Lunches and the National Agricultural Economy, a talk by the Reverend William J. Gibbons, S. J., Associate Editor "America".

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CROP INSURANCE MEETINGS. . . . State crop insurance directors will get together with Washington representatives of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation to consider problems and programs of the coming crop year in four regional meetings. Dates and locations of the meetings are as follows: Washington, D. C.--October 31 and November 1; St. Paul, Minn.--November 7, 8; Kansas City, Mo.--November 12-13; Salt Lake City, Utah--November 14-15.

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NEW PUBLICATIONS. . . . How to Choose and Use Your Refrigerator, AIS-56, prepared by the BHN&HE; Strip Cropping for Conservation and Production, Farmers' Bulletin No. 1981; Incubation and Brooding of Chickens, Farmers' Bulletin No. 1538 (a revision).

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STATE POTATO GOALS. . . . Following action by the potato commodity committee, an announcement of state potato acreage goals is slated to come out pronto. The national goal, which calls for 2,669,900 acres of potatoes in 1947 as compared to 2,786,000 acres planted in 1946, when production went above goals and exceeded requirements by about 67 million bushels.

Following announcement of the national potato goals for 1947, suggested state goals were submitted to the states for consideration by state committees. Recommendations by each state on the suggested goals were then returned to Washington for final acceptance or modification by the commodity committee in the light of national requirements and suggestions from all the states.

Object of the reduction in potato goals is to prevent waste through excess production by setting potato acreage goals in line with needs. After state goals are set, potato acreage goals will be set for individual farms to provide equitable distribution of acreage among established growers. Only farmers who plant within their acreage goals will be eligible for price support under the Department's 1947 price-support program for potatoes.

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CLOTHING EXHIBIT. . . . A man's suit as good as new after six repair jobs and dainty children's dresses made from men's worn shirts are a sample of some of remodeled and renovated clothes which will be displayed at an exhibit put on by BH&HE in the patio of the USDA Administration Building in Washington, October 28 through November 1. Staff members of the Bureau's clothing laboratories will be on hand to answer questions. Also, illustrated how-to-do-it booklets will be available to take home for full directions. Miss Clarice L. Scott, Bureau clothing specialist, is in charge of the exhibit.

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RADIO SCHEDULE, NOVEMBER-2. . . . CONSUMER TIME, NBC, 12:15-12:30 p.m., EST, "Fresh Frozen and Canned Fruit Juice" - The consumer can take her pick this year. There will be a good supply of all. Nutritive value discussed and other questions consumers have been asking, such as whether orange juice can be squeezed the night before, whether it can be left in an open tin can, what about citrus concentrates.

NATIONAL FARM AND HOME HOUR, NBC, 1:00-1:30 p.m., EST - Lucile Holmes and Ken Capen - "Outlook for Household Equipment." The summary of news developments for farmers, "Department of Agriculture Headlines," will be heard as usual.

AMERICAN FARMER, ABC, 12:30-1:00 p.m., EST. Ken Capen and Dillard B. Lasseter, FHA Administrator will give the answers on operations of new Farmers Home Administration to a group of representative farm people, including John Grossen, farm ownership borrower speaking from Chicago, and Otis Scott, Andrew Jameson and Mr. and Mrs. James Myatt, speaking from Washington. "The Business Side of Farming" as usual.

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4-H CLUB CONGRESS. . . . Big plans are under way for the 25th anniversary of the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, December 1-5. Each State will be entitled to send 20 delegates to the meeting at which 4-H club members celebrate the 25th anniversary of their first national congress back in 1921. Representatives are also expected to come from Canada and possibly other countries.

Among the features of the program will be the naming of winners in National 4-H contests covering agricultural, home economics, engineering, health and community activities. Seventy-five college scholarships will be awarded to boys and girls who have done outstanding 4-H club work.

Preparations for extensive coverage of the anniversary Congress are being made by Extension Service. Six National network radio programs have already been scheduled.

Among the USDA information personnel slated to be on hand to help assist the press, radio and picture services in covering the Congress are: Ralph Fulghum, Lester Schlup, Ken Gapen, Joe Tonkin, Clara Bailey, E. R. McIntyre of Washington, D. C.; Dutch Elder, Iowa; Bill Zipf, Ohio; Cal Anderson, Washington; C. W. Jackson, Texas; Bob Walker, Ill.; Burton Hutton, Ore.

Representatives of from 30 to 40 magazines are expected to attend the Congress.

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SOME USDA RELEASES. . . . Small Brewers' Quotas of Grain Increased--2282;  
Philippine Copra Exports Rise--2304;  
Government and Civic Leaders to Address School Lunch Conference--2302;  
Tractor of the Future (From the USDA Clipsheet for Oct. 20 release)--2232;  
IEFC Ends Spice Allocations--2299;  
CEA Investigates Cotton Futures Accounts--2308;  
USDA Bought 1,306,730 Bushels of Wheat in Seven-day Period--2309;  
Grain Orders Amended--2316;  
Petition for Bakery Products Price Decontrol is Denied--2314;  
Fats and Oils Orders Revoked by USDA--2321;  
Canned Poultry--2323;  
USDA Names Administrative Committees for Citrus Orders--2331;  
Dry Bean Order (WFO-45) Is Terminated--2337;  
Quarterly Timber Cut on National Forests Passes Billion Mark for First Time--  
2334;  
Sugar Deficit Areas Extended--2538.  
Secretary Anderson Names Research Advisory Committee -- 2341

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OTHER RELEASES OF AGRICULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE. . . . Removal from price control of all foods and beverages except sugar and sugar solution, corn sugar and corn syrup and rough and milled rice--OPA 6905; Removal from price control of 7 edible oils still remaining under ceilings and several important inedible oils--OPA 6906 (This release also lists several milled feed and mill feed ingredients that were inadvertently omitted from the Oct. 16 list of decontrolled commodities); Statement by Stabilization Director John R. Steelman on livestock slaughter payments--OES release dated Oct. 17, 1946; Eight Nations announce preparatory commission delegates--FAO-PR 18; Softwood and hardwood lumber production this year may reach 33 billion board feet, an increase over last year of five billion feet, CPA says--CPA 576.

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